

**Local Charity of the Year**

**Award criteria**

This award celebrates the fantastic work of our local charitable organisations.

We are looking to recognise a local charity within East Suffolk whose voluntary and inspiring work underpins many vital, but unacknowledged aspects of life.

The Local Charity award is open for any registered charity group within East Suffolk irrespective of size, who are actively engaged in supporting and working with their local community.

The winner of this award will demonstrate their dedication to helping local people, through its support services, giving a positive impact in our community.

**How to enter**

1. **Check out our East Suffolk area map to ensure your business is within the entry area**
2. **Download and fill in our application form**
3. **Tell us about your organisation/charity/group (approx.1000 words) this could include some of the following; Your history, customers, competitors, challenges, opportunities, your vision and anything else that you feel is relevant.**
4. **For your entry wording/evidence (no limit on this wording) the judges will be looking for examples of:**

* Your charity’s objectives and business plan
* Innovative aims and evidence of fundraising/physical activity
* The impact the Charity has made in the community
* Any accolades and testimonials
* Anything else you wish to share?

1. **Tell us why you believe you/your organisation deserves to win the Suffolk Chamber East Suffolk Local Charity Award (max 500 words)**

*Please note that entrants will need/do not need to be a registered charity.*

If you are selected as one of our category finalists, our judges for this category may wish to visit your business, they will arrange this direct with yourselves at a date and time convenient to both parties.